



Majestic China

\$4880 - 24 Days, Fully Inclusive

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for tour inclusions
and exclusions



BEIJING | XI'AN | WUHAN | YANGTZE | CHONGQING
GUILIN | KUNMING | DALI | LIJIANG | TIGER LEAPING GORGE

China

Highlights

- Take time to experience the eastern half of China.
- Visit one of the most precious historical & cultural heritage sites in the world, the Great Wall.
- Imagine the presence of a million people marching at Tiananmen Square in the very heart of Beijing.
- Enter the Forbidden City, home to the Ming and Qing emperors, but off limits to everyone else for 500 years.
- Take in the magnificent gorges while cruising the mighty Yangtze River.
- Wander in the forest of stone pillars shaped by the wind and rain at Shilin.

- Delight in the presence of the ancient army of Terracotta Warriors, the major archaeological discovery of the 20th Century.
- Explore the cobbled streets and marvel at the traditional stone architecture in Dali.

Facts

- Comfortable tour.
- Includes some big cities & major attractions in China.
- Utilizes air, coach, cruise boat & rail travel.
- Perfect for those who wish to discover China & to experience the country in some depth.





Day 1-2: Australia/Bangkok/Beijing

Fly with Thai Airways to Beijing via Bangkok. On arrival we will be welcomed by our National Escort and transferred to our hotel for 3 nights.

Day 3-4: Beijing

Today we visit some Chinese national symbols, the Great Wall & Temple of Heaven. Dinner tonight is Beijing (Peking) Duck. Overnight at hotel.

Following day we visit Tiananmen Square & Chairman Mao's Mausoleum. After lunch it's on to the Forbidden City, followed by a hutong (alleyway) tour by pedicab exploring Liulichang Street. After dinner we enjoy an acrobatic show. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

Morning at leisure. After lunch we visit the Beijing Zoo to see Giant Pandas. We then visit the Summer Palace where the imperial court used to go to escape the summer heat. After dinner transfer to railway station to board overnight train to Xi'an. Overnight train soft sleeper.

Day 6-7: Xi'an

On arrival, transfer to hotel for 2 nights. Morning at leisure. Afternoon visit to the Big Goose Pagoda, the Tang Dynasty Museum and the Shaanxi Provincial Museum. Your dinner tonight is "Jiaozi", the specialty meat and vegetable dumplings of Xi'an.

Following day we visit the World Heritage-listed Terracotta Warriors. After lunch we tour the Bell & Drum Tower Square and the Great Mosque. After dinner we enjoy Tang Dynasty dancing. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8: Xi'an/Wuhan

Morning at leisure. After lunch transfer to airport to board flight to Wuhan. On arrival transfer to Yichang to board Yangtze River Cruise for 4 nights.

Day 9-11: Yangtze River Cruise

Over the next three days cruise the mighty Yangtze River. Relax & enjoy the breathtaking scenery, crossing through the Three Gorges: Qutang, Xiling and Wu. You will have the opportunity to visit small villages along the way.

Day 12: Chongqing/Guilin

Disembark cruise at Chongqing. Departure transfer to airport to board flight to Guilin, most famous for its scenery & greenery. Afternoon visit to the Reed Flute Cave & Institute of Chinese Medicine. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13: Guilin/Yangshuo (Li River Cruise)

This morning board the Li River Cruise to Yangshuo enjoying lunch on board. On arrival at Yangshuo, transfer to hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel for 1 night.

Day 14: Yangshuo/Guilin

After breakfast, visit Yangshuo with its surrounding limestone pinnacles and relaxing ambience. After lunch we transfer back to Guilin, where we visit a local village. Overnight at hotel.

Day 15: Guilin/Kunming

Morning at leisure. After lunch, transfer to the airport to board flight to Kunming. Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, has been inhabited for 2000 years and contains fascinating alleyways and wooden buildings. Tonight we feast on "across-the-bridge" noodles at the Golden Dragon Hotel.

Day 16: Kunming

Full day tour of Kunming, including visit to the Stone Forest (Shilin), the Qiqing Yi Minority village and the scenic Dragon Gate Grotto Complex in the Western Hills. Overnight at hotel.

Day 17-18: Kunming/Dali

After breakfast we visit the Danguan Pavilion and the Yuantong Buddhist temple. This afternoon we transfer to the airport to board flight to Dali. Dali is one of the most scenic cities in China. It is a perfect stopover with its backdrop of Jade Green Mountains. On arrival, check into your hotel for 2 nights.

Next morning we visit picturesque Erhai Hu (Ear-shaped Lake). In the afternoon we visit the Three Pagodas and the old town of Dali. Overnight at hotel.

Day 19-20: Dali/Lijiang

Today we travel by coach to Lijiang on the border of Tibet. Along the way we visit Xizhou, a typical Bai Minority town and a Bai tie-dye workshop. After lunch we continue back to Lijiang. On arrival check into hotel for 2 nights.

The following day we take a sightseeing tour in Lijiang, including the Jade Lake village and the Baisha Frescoes. After lunch, we explore Baisha village, home to the infamous Dr. Ho. Overnight at hotel.

Day 21: Tiger Leaping Gorge

This morning we visit Tiger Leaping Gorge on the Yangtze River (one of the deepest gorges in the world) and the old town of Lijiang. Overnight at hotel in Lijiang.

Day 22: Lijiang/Kunming

Morning visit to the pretty Black Dragon Pool Park followed by the Dongba Culture Research Institute. After lunch transfer to the airport to board flight to Kunming. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 23-24: Kunming/Bangkok/Australia

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to airport to board flight to Australia via Bangkok. Arrive in Australia the following day filled with happy memories of majestic China.



Tour Code	Departure Date	Return Date
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Year 2008		
MC 1038	28 MAR	20 APR
MC 1048	01 APR	24 APR
MC 2048	04 APR	27 APR
MC 1058	02 MAY	25 MAY
MC 2058	16 MAY	08 JUN
MC 1068	03 JUN	26 JUN
MC 1098	26 SEP	19 OCT
MC 1108	07 OCT	30 OCT
MC 2108	10 OCT	02 NOV
MC 1118	02 NOV	25 NOV

Year 2009		
MC 1039	24 MAR	16 APR
MC 1049	03 APR	26 APR
MC 2049	07 APR	30 APR
MC 1059	01 MAY	24 MAY
MC 2059	12 MAY	04 JUN
MC 1069	02 JUN	25 JUN
MC 1089	21 AUG	13 SEP
MC 1099	01 SEP	24 SEP
MC 2099	04 SEP	27 SEP
MC 1109	02 OCT	25 OCT
MC 2109	16 OCT	08 NOV
MC 1119	01 NOV	24 NOV

NB: Single room not included on Yangtze River Cruise.